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For: STRESS ACCOMMODATION IN ELECTRONIC DEVICE INTERCONNECT TECHNOLOGY FOR MILLIMETER CONTACT LOCATIONS

INFORMATION LETTER INVOLVING 3/27/2001 DECISION ON PETITION

Assistant Commissioner for Patents Box DAC Washington, D.C. 20231

In a 3/27/01 decision, copy attached for convenience, a petition to revive application Serial No. 09/085,060 filed 5/27/98 under 37CFR1.137(b), was dismissed as not grantable for a reason that a continuing application, as a required reply, was considered not to have been filed.

However, the required reply was in fact filed, and the continuation in part continuing application reply has received a Serial Number 09/768,372 and Filing date 1/23/01 as indicated in the attached first page of the filing receipt.

No action would appear to be needed as this document can serve as a bridge between the files.

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In re Application of Blackshear, et al. Application No. 09/085,060 Filed: May 27, 1998 Attorney Docket No. YO998-001 MAR 2 7 2001

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This is a decision on the petition under 37 CFR 1.137(b), filed January 23, 2001, to revive the above-identified application.

The petition is DISMISSED.

Any request for reconsideration of this decision must be submitted within TWO (2) MONTHS from the mail date of this decision. Extensions of time under 37 CFR 1.136(a) are permitted. The reconsideration request should include a cover letter entitled "Renewed Petition under 37 CFR 1.137(b)."

The above-identified application became abandoned for failure to respond in a timely manner to the non-final Office action of March 14, 2000, which set a shortened statutory period for reply of three (3) months. No extensions of time under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a) were obtained. Accordingly, the above-identified application became abandoned on June 15, 2000. A Notice of Abandonment was mailed on October 30, 2000.

Effective December 1, 1997, the provisions of 37 CFR 1.137(b) now provide that where the delay in reply was unintentional, a petition may be filed to revive an abandoned application or a lapsed patent pursuant to 37 CFR 1.137(b). A grantable petition pursuant to 37 CFR 1.137(b) must be accompanied by:

- (1) the required reply, unless previously filed. In a nonprovisional application abandoned for failure to prosecute, the required reply may be met by the filing of a continuing application. In an application or patent, abandoned or lapsed for failure to pay the issue fee or any portion thereof, the required reply must be the payment of the issue fee or any outstanding balance thereof.
 - the petition fee as set forth in 37 CFR 1.17(m); **(2)**
- a statement that the entire delay in filing the required reply from the due date for the reply until the filing of a grantable petition pursuant to 37 CFR 1.137(b) was unintentional. The Commissioner may require additional information where there is a question whether the delay was unintentional; and
- any terminal disclaimer (and fee set forth in 37 CFR 1.20(d)) required pursuant to 37 CFR 1.137(c).

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The instant petition is not grantable because requirement (1) above has not been satisfied. Petitioner did not submit the required reply within the meaning of 37 CFR 1.113 to the Office action. The required reply is the reply sufficient to have avoided abandonment, had such reply been timely filed. See M.P.E.P. 711.03(c). In order for the application to be revived on renewed petition under §1.137(b), petitioner must submit the required reply. The proposed reply required for consideration of a petition to revive must be 'an amendment, a request for reconsideration, or the filing of a continuing application.

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